THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Disinvestment of Government Equity is a continuous process. The targets from disinvestment proceeds have been reflected in the Budget Estimates for 1991-92 onwards till 1999-2000.

(c) The pricing of GAIL GDRs is based on "Book Building" process. This process essentially means market driven prices *i.e.* the price, which the investors are prepared to pay for a particular share at a given point of time.

Proposal to lay Gas Pipeline from Gopalpur to Chennai

1636. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to lay a pipeline for natural gas from Gopalpur in Orissa to Chennai;

(b) if so, the cost of that line;

(c) whether Government have sanctioned fund for the purpose;

(d) if not, whether external assistance is likely to be made available for the purpose; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Does not arise.

Setting Up of Additional LPG Outlets in Meghalaya

1637. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU; Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up additional LPG outlets at various districts and sub-divisional Headquarters in Meghalaya;

(b) if so, whether Government have undertaken feasiblity study of the same in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when it is likely to be under-taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (e) For setting up economically viable dealerships/distributorships in various parts of the country, including Meghalaya, feasibility studies are conducted periodically by the Oil Companies and based thereon, locations are included under the Marketing Plans.

A total of 10 more LPG distributorships have been included in Marketing Plan for Meghalaya.

LPG Agencies functioning in Meghalaya

1638. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of LPG agencies functioning in Meghalaya as on 31st October, 1999;

(b) whether Government propose to consider the demand of the State Government to set up more gas agencies;

(c) if so, the number of applications from Meghalaya received for setting up LPG agencies, disposed of and still pending for sanction; and

(d) by when the aforsaid applications are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) As on 31.10.1999 following 10 LPG distributorships were in operation in Meghalaya:

(1) M/s Longkmie Gas Agency, Shillong.
(2) M/s Eehcloy Gas Agency, Shillong.
(3) M/s Khasipnar Gas Agency, Shillong.
(4) M/s Meghalaya Gas Agency, Shillong.
(5) M/s Momin Gas Agency, Tura.
(6) M/s Sukbha Gas Agency, Shillong.
(7) M/s United Fruit & Co., Shillong.
(8) M/s Mecofed. Sillong.